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FOLLOWING REPEAT CANBERRA 3918 ACTION COLOMBO
INFO MANILA 24 JUNE.

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MANILA PASS DEA

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SUBJ: STATUS OF PLANS FOR COLOMBO PLAN NACROTICS MEETING

1. HARVEY BATES, DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN NACROTICS
BUREAU, HAS ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER USG CAN FURNISH
ANY INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR REGIONAL
NARCOTICS MEEGING SCHEDULED BY COLOMBO PLAN
ORGANIZATION (PIO ABARRO) IN BANGKOK JULY 29-31,
1974.

2. BATES HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING
AS "CONSULTANT". HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED THROUGH HIS
CHANNELS THAT ABARRO AND RTG AS HOST GOVERNMENT
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ARE URGING POSTPONEMENT OF REGIONAL MEETING

RECOMMENDED BY U.N. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT
DRUG TRAFFIC IN S.E.A. IN VIEW OF SCHEDULED COLOMBO
PLAN MEETING.

3. BATES ESPICALLY INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING
WHETHER ABARRO VISUALIZES BOTH NATIONAL DELEGATES
AND CONSULTANTS OR WHETHER ALL PARTICIPANTS BEING
INVITED AS CONSULTANTS. HE WONDERED WHETHER USE
OF CONSULTANT DESIGNATION MIGHT BE CONNECTED IN
ANY WAY WITH PLANS FOR FINANCING NATIONAL DELEGATES,
AND WHETHER COLOMBO PLAN OR S.E.A. GOVERNMENTS
WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FINANCE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

4. BATES IS PURSUING THESE QUESTIONS THROUGH
AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BUT WOULD WELCOME
ANY INFORMATION WHICH USG HAS ON THESE POINTS.

5. EMBASSY ADVISED BATES IT HAD NO KNOWLEDTE TO
DATE ON QUESTIONS RAISED BUT WOULD CONSULT
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY COLOMBO TO SEE WHAT
INFORMATION MIGHT BE AVAILABLE THROUGH USG
CHANNELS.
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